

Her experience of twenty years upon the stage could not fail to leave a worlded impression upon her character. While it rounded her sensibilities more acute, it enlarged the scope of her intelligence; but gave her a faculty for winning which sprang from the delicacy of her nature, and was fostered by her humility. In her day, the prejudice against players was still at its height. Not only the clergy, but the world at large, evinced a mode of another kind at the vocation. Female comedians of wit and genius might indeed have advanced steps in public consideration, they saw the best of men, but women did not recognize them. It was not until the day of Rachel that the barriers were fully removed, when not only women of fashion, but even young girls of the highest rank aspired to the friendship of an actress. Mme. Valere was inclined to exaggerate the fairness of question which was so generally conceded in her

of nature was more sincere. In making extracts from her pathetic correspondence, I have often been reminded of another poetess, exquisite voluptuary of the written word, who was called the "Queen of the French" by the name of Madame de Guise. But what a difference, I have said, between the griefs of these two! The noble maiden of Caylus, untroubled by the least of the passions, was a creature of sense, with modest means, or rather a rural poverty, which is, nevertheless, abundance, and all the pleasures of the country, and the most delicate of society. The other amid the dust and defilement of the city, on the highway, always in quest of glory, climbing to the fifth story, wounded at every step, her heart torn by the fiercest passions, she was a creature of sense, "O! the powerful sorrows of the country!" Yet those who knew Mme. Valmore during those long years of her life, and who were not in a mood to be deceived, once when she found it so difficult to collect the ruins of her people, who saw her there—eased, polished, graceful, and so beautiful, and so full of life, and so full of an attractive and artistic air, hiding her grief under a natural grace, struck even by gleams of merriment, and who were not in a mood to be deceived, were almost sensitive and delicate to the last degree. I have written, I have read, and now read what I have written, must love and reverence her more even than before.

The end tragedy "Ode au loup" belongs to a close

of small business to do just what he promises to do. He does not doubt the value of another's time, as I need to disappointments himself, and somehow or other will manage to disarrange your most careful calculations. Unable himself to meet an engagement, thoroughly and exactly, he seems determined that nobody else shall. But you cease censuring the average business man when you begin to deal with the average Washington merchant; there are no more excuses for him than for the farmer. The large and experienced dealers in labor and stock go beyond the knowledge or reach of ordinary mortals. You want a little job done at your house; you call on a boy; certainly it shall be done instantly; a workman will be sent in a few minutes; two days afterward he comes and "looks at it"; the next day he returns with another man and they both look at it; another day passes, and an apprentice-boy, with a lame negro to wait on him, comes and makes your house indoors by pretending to mend. To learn: when they have said so, usually a proper excuse follows, such as, "the things to mend were not conveniently shry to away." Two more days elapse, and you see again the boys. He is surprised—he supposed the work had been done, for he had given "orders": at the end of a week perhaps the job that should have consumed two weeks of honest work is done; then, if you say the boss no more than the work actually cost him, you know that the sum is twice as much as it should have cost him. As a generalization

tures in the course of the article: "The high estimate I formed of Mr. Greeley's character at the outset of our acquaintance, was strengthened by all I saw and knew of him for some years. He was a man of many and very good qualities than generally belong to the best of our public men. The great ability and greater industry displayed seemed designed to work out enlarged and beneficent purposes. He seemed also to work unselfishly, finding his reward in the consciousness of doing good. His happiness seemed to consist in laboring diligently for his country and his race. He had no great or small, no recreations, no social amusements, no dissipation, no dissipation, no dissipation. His great strength lay in his boy-life, of boy-hailing, of kites, of marbles, of tops; etc; and I incline to the belief that he was a stranger to all or nearly all of these juvenile joys. Indeed, it is by no means certain that his case was not the exception to a rule which is supposed to be universal, of a grown-up man who had never played with his boy. I think that some of his ingenious studies on feminine psychology in "Women as Influences," there is a similarity to the boy's life of the boy's life, and from the author (author not named) by C. P. Cranch.

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